

**Public Safety Commission**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**August 20, 2012**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.**  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robert Santangelo called the meeting to order at **8:00 p.m.**

**a) Items added to “Other Matters” -**

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Robert Santangelo  
Commissioner Phil Pessina  
Commissioner Hope Kasper  
Commissioner Thomas Serra  
Commissioner Debbie Kleckowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Gary Ouellette  
Deputy Chief Robert Kronenberger

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Santangelo moved to approve July 16, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion.  
All voted in favor.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE –**

East Hampton Fire Department thank you letter to MFD for helping with the Bevin Bell Fire  
Portland Fire Department thank you letter to MFD for assisting with Portland’s firework celebration this July

**6. MONTHLY REPORT**

- 360 total calls for service for the month of July.
- 7 service calls to Wesleyan University
- Alarms –32 service calls to Wesleyan in July

- MFD worked the local fireworks in July in addition to Portland's fireworks, also worked Citizen's Bank 5K Road Race
- Two new hires will begin on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at MFD. They begin the academy on September 4, 2012. They will attend the academy for 16 weeks. This brings MFD to 44 firefighters, 12 lieutenants, and 4 Battalion Chiefs. This will bring us 8 away from our goal
- The New Hires Safer Grant 2012 has been reapplied for. Deputy Kronenberger emailed Joe Samolis requesting help from the Washington delegation behind our grant

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) CNR – MFD is planning on purchasing a new department pickup truck. CNR money was approved and has no impact on this year's budget. This money was all from last year's budget
- b) New Engine – Chief Ouellette stated that he is in the process of putting a committee together currently for the purchase of the new engine. MFD will not be bonding the full amount needed for a new engine. MFD would like to use some of its fund balance to offset the cost of a new engine. A new engine will be approximately \$425K - \$450K. Engine 3 will be the engine that is replaced first.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Apparatus Storage – MFD has equipment that is sitting outside and deteriorating creating an urgent need for additional storage. The Hazmat truck, Hazmat trailers, Decon trailer, and the Kids Safe trailer, and other items are all taking a beating sitting outdoors exposed. Councilman Serra motioned that a survey done by Mayor's office to see if other departments have a need for additional apparatus storage. After cost is estimated it needs to go to the Common Council. Councilman Pessina seconded the motion. This issue will be discussed at Group A meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Councilman Pessina also suggested checking the short term availability of the vacant Yellow Freight building and any other vacant storage facility in the area.

## **9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

*August 6, 2012 meeting minutes were attached.*

## **10. OTHER MATTERS –**

- 11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters** – Bruce Driska reported that the Emergency Operations Plan has been revamped and renewed primarily by the work of Deputy Kronenberger, and it has been signed by the Mayor and is now in effect

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Krupa  
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON October 15, 2012 & November 19, 2012**